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MSU Faculty and Staff:

As we begin the summer months on campus, we would like to provide some general outlines of how to keep our campus healthy, but yet also begin to ease some of the restrictions that were in place prior to vaccination opportunities.

Looking to the summer, and after speaking with several health agencies and on-campus groups, we are hopeful that we can operate in the manner below throughout the summer, and then reassess for the Fall semester based on public health guidance closer to August.

Healthy @ MSU Summer Guidelines May 10, 2021 - August 1, 2021

General Guidelines:

- Masks should be worn inside all MSU buildings, unless in an individual office or residence hall room.
- If you can adequately distance outside by more than 3 feet, masks are not required.
- We encourage all campus participants to consult with their health care provider on obtaining a Covid vaccination.
- Employees and summer camp participants should take temperatures each day until August 1.
- In-state University-supported travel is allowable through normal channels. Out-of-state domestic travel is allowable after June 1 through normal channels. International travel is paused until January 15, 2022.
- Per guidance from the Kentucky Department of Public Health, MSU will require 3 feet of distance between persons from unrelated households in settings where the audience is seated and stationary.

Campus Facility Guidelines:

For the overall protection of the campus community during the COVID-19 pandemic, campus facilities have been closely monitored. University facility usage will increase in stages as the health environment continues to improve, and as public health recommendations, space, and staffing allow.

University facilities this summer are available for:

- University business for MSU classes and MSU department meetings;
- Use by registered/affiliated student organizations for meetings; and
- Use by official University contractors involved with conducting applicable business/meetings, not simply sponsorship.

Groups noted above should have 40 individuals or less if in an indoor concentrated area, should adhere to 3 feet social distancing, and should wear masks indoors.

University SOAR events, formal academic orientations for entry to programs, and other MSU admission activities are permissible with appropriate plans. Please contact your Vice President for discussion with them.

Applicable summer/groups outlined above may petition the Vice President for Student Affairs and President to host a larger group in ADUC/Button Auditorium/AAC for the purposes of formal orientation(s), business, etc. with an approved outline of precautions. Large groups may need to have University Police present, be less than the approved capacity of an area, and make appropriate announcements upon beginning the program. Groups must have a protocol plan in place and approved by the appropriate University Vice President before the event.

University Post Office Summer Hours:

Beginning Monday, May 10 thru August 1, 2021 the University Post Office will be open from 9 am to 12 noon each weekday. If you have emergency needs outside summer operating hours, please visit the University Store in ADUC.

Thank you to everyone for your assistance as we slowly expand our presence and in-person activity on campus.